

#### The Editors Write:

Hi, gang!

We're well on our way into 1946 now. How're your New Year's resolutions holding out? Keeping most of them or backsliding just a bit like most of us did last year?

We received a letter from Harry Johnson, which you'll read in two minutes when you reach the "Readers Write" section of this Editorial Page, and he's a bit dubious about the merits of Sergeant Spook and Jerry. But we have a hunch even he will enjoy the story in this issue for it's certainly a humdinger. How about it? And Lucille Shandy should be happy, for Laura Bradly is very much involved in Dick Cole's adventures this trip. Perhaps Beverly Watson enjoys Blue Bolt more when Marg is around, but we've an idea she'll get a kick out of his trials and tribulations in this issue despite her absence.

We hope you're rolling up those good marks as steadily as usual (?) Guess now that hundreds of our war heroes are back home for keeps and going to school again, you realize just how important an education is.

It's really extremely important, gang, and you should take full advantage of gaining as much knowledge as you possibly can. It will pay in the future, you can bet on that! Many are the successful men who acknowledge that a thorough education would have made their road to success a good deal easier.

Happy Springtime!

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS

#### The Readers Write:

Dear Editors:

I like BLUE BOLT best of all the comic books. The stories I like best are Dick Cole, Sergeant Spook, Edison Bell and Old Cap Hawkins' True Tales.

I can hardly wait to get the next issue. The Q's and A's are very helpful for school and you learn a lot from them.

Good luck to you and all your readers.

A reader, Anton Lizak Phillips, Wisconsin

Thanks for the good wishes, Anton.

Dear Editors:

I was very surprised to find a comic book where the readers can express their opinion about it. I think BLUE BOLT is super and the stories are exciting, interesting and amusing. My only criticism is that Krisko and Jasper are sometimes silly. Otherwise all the other stories are wonderful. Dick Cole is my favorite. The Fearless Fellers are amusing and Sergeant Spook is marvelous. BLUE BOLT is exciting and I like him more because a girl is featured in the story, too.

I am going to continue to follow the adventures of the characters of the BLUE BOLT COMICS.

A faithful reader, Beverly Watson Fort Worth, Texas

You certainly sound like a real BLUE BOLT fan, Beverly. Thanks for your opinion on our magazine.

Dear Editors:

Every time there's a new issue of BLUE BOLT out I'm right on hand to buy it. I think all the stories are super duper. When I had a minor operation, my mother brought me BLUE BOLT to read and I read it over and over. It's interesting, exciting and humorous. You say you're on the lookout for criticism? Well, I have none to make except for Sergeant Spook. I've never seen a real ghost but then it's good reading.

A very faithful reader, Harry Johnson, Jr. Compton, California

Frankly, Harry, we've never seen a real ghost either, but we get a kick out of Sgt. Spook ourselves! Dear Editors:

My brother and I are great comic book fans so when we discovered BLUE BOLT, we were more than pleased to find such a true-to-life issue.

Dick Cole and Sergeant Spook are my favorites. Like many others I think Edison Bell knows too much for his age. I'd love to have more about Laura in Dick Cole because I think girls would be all right to a certain extent in BLUE BOLT.

But all in all BLUE BOLT is utterly super.

A delighted fan, Lucille Shandy Roberts, Montana

You'll be seeing plenty of Laura, Lucille. After all, she's Dick's girl!

Dear Editors:

I have just finished reading the last issue of BLUE BOLT, and I think it's swell. I have no individual favorite for I like the entire book. I like the Q's and A's because they're educational and entertaining at the same time. I think you're swell for having BLUE BOLT Flashes, too, because you take your criticism seriously and try to correct your errors. You're doing a swell job.

A faithful and satisfied reader, Nick Tamechis Long Island City, N. Y.

We aim to please, Nick, and when you write in and tell us our mistakes, they're that much easier to fix.

Dear Editors:

I've been reading some BLUE BOLT comic books and I think they are swell. I like them because they are so full of variety and not as monotonous as some other books. I think every story is swell; but Dick Cole, Blue Bolt and Edison Bell are my favorites. Oh! The Q's and A's are swell, too.

A reader, Leo Watrons Meridan, Connecticut

Looks like you really enjoy BLUE BOLT, Leo. Glad to hear it! Have you tried making a game out of the O's and A's, Leo, by asking other boys the questions?

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Question Find the misspelled word on this page.



The word is conceited in picture 2. Linky













QUESTION Are the figures in picture 4 in suffragette, silhouette or croquette?





















MAYBE SOME JERK
DIDN'T WANT ME TO
TUNE HER UP YESTERDAY...OR, MAYBE THE
"LAURA" HAS BEEN
TAMPERED WITH!
SIMBA! WE'RE GOING DOWN TONIGHT
AND MAKE A CHECK!









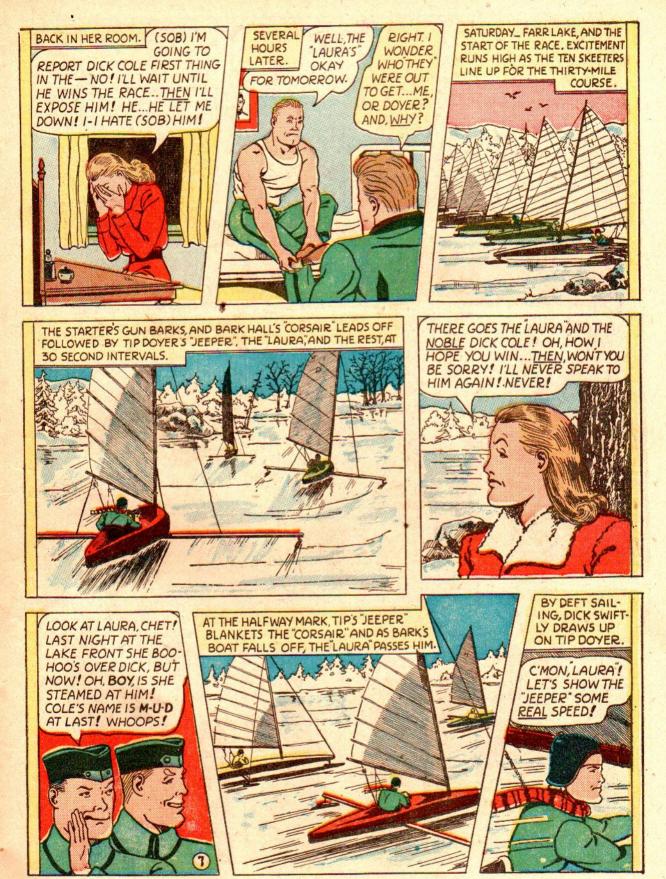






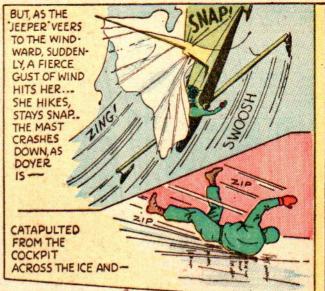


QUESTION Can you find the name of a motion picture on this page?



Laura, a popular picture of last year. "8" W















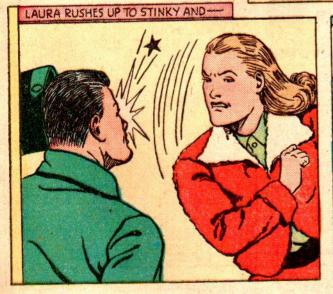






















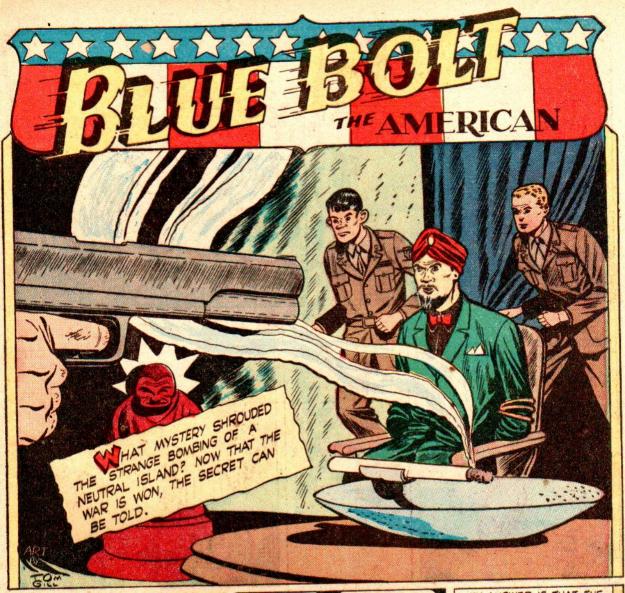






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GENTLEMEN, YOU AGK THAT I LEASE YOU AIR BASES ON MY ISLAND. THE JAPANESE WISH THEM, TOO. I HAVE DECIDED...







DON'T MISS FRISKY FABLES FOR THE BEST IN COMIC ENTERTAINMENT.

... PLANES ARE SPEEDING TO THE ISLAND CAPITAL, AND SOON ...





AMERICAN PLANES UNTIL TEN TOMORROW WERE NEVER ORDERED TO BOMB MORNING THEN. IF YOUR ISLAND, GIVE US TIME TO THE INVESTIGATE. EXPLANATION IS NOT SATISFACTORY, I WILL LEASE THE BASES TO JAPAN!

DLUE BOLT, ON DUTY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, IS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED TO BONORO'S ISLAND... AFTER A CAREFUL INSPECTION OF THE PLANE SHOT DOWN...









QUESTION Can you name a small but very heavily populated island in the U.S.?



Manhattan Island (part of New York City). 2. on W

## SUDDENLY, A STRANGE THING HAPPENS!



### THE QUESTION IS UNANSWERED, FOR IN A









ON THE RETURN TRIP ...





BACK AT THE EMBASSY, AS BLUE BOLT MAKES HIS REPORT.



QUESTION Was the king beheaded in The French Revolution, Louis XIV, XV, or XVI?



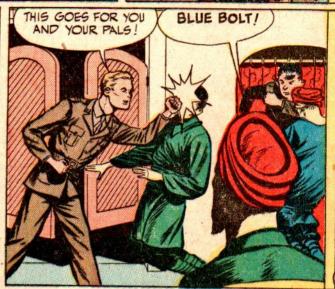
Louis XVI and his queen Marie Antoinette were executed. Same















JOIN THE ROMP THROUGH LAUGHTER LAND WITH THE FRISKY FABLES BAND.







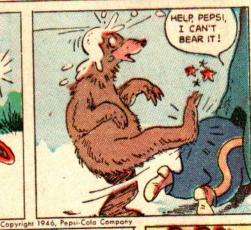




















DON'T MISS FRISKY FABLES FOR THE BEST IN COMIC ENTERTAINMENT.







LAUGH AT THE DROLLERY FOUND BETWEEN THE COVERS OF FRISKY FABLES.



QUESTION Portions of what states are included in the Corn Belt?

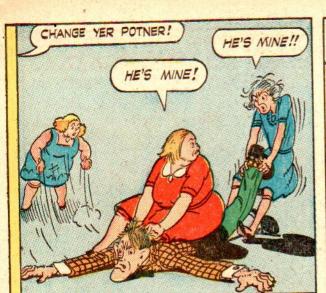
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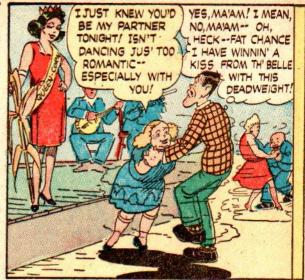






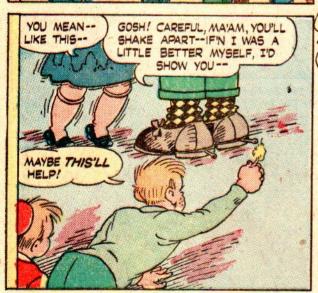










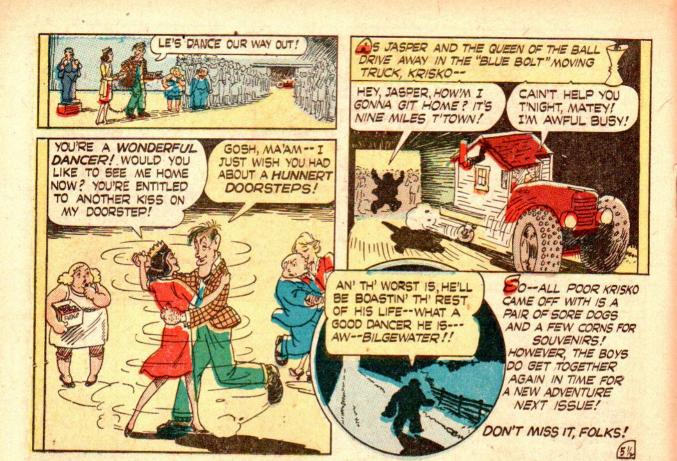


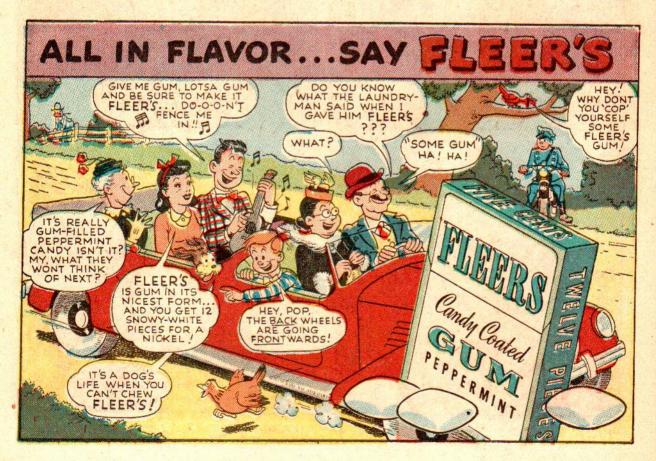


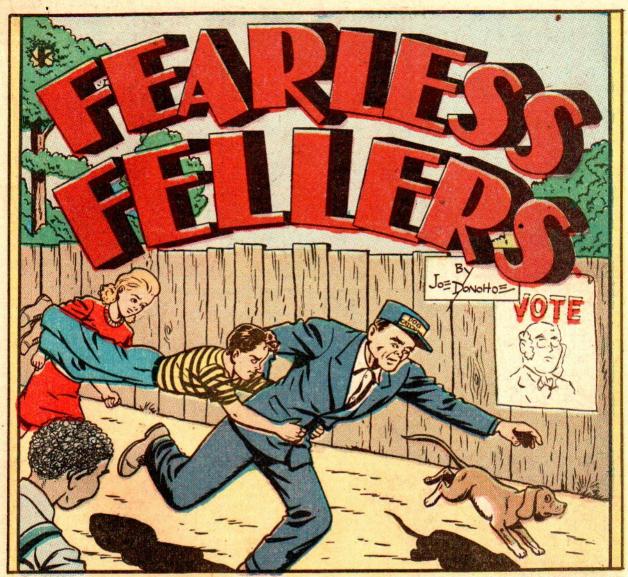
QUESTION What song is being played in picture 4?



Dark Town Strutters Ball. 9.0% W











READ FRISKY FABLE'S FOR BIGGER AND BETTER CHUCKLES.

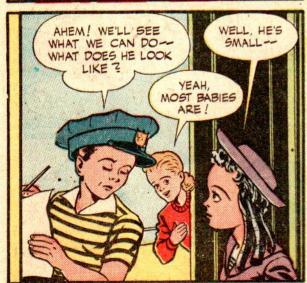














QUESTION What detective in fiction had an assistant named Watson?

Sherlock Holmes' colleague and friend was Dr. Watson. \*\* Sherlock Holmes'





























QUESTION What work, connected with dog days, sounds sirius?

# Sirius (we're serious) is the bright Dog Star. Samswy

















"SALHEEDAH, El Capi-

Little Akhib bowed low and squatted on the mat just inside his father's tent.

"I tell you, El Capitain, Akhib did not really lie. Akhib does not know where the missing egg is now. That indeed is true!"

El Capitain's steely eyes stared sternly. Akhib felt very guilty and very uncomfortable. But like all desert Arabs, he was quite able to argue.

"For you, El Capitain, it was easy to tell the truth. For poor little Akhib, it is easier not to."

Still those piercing eyes did not flicker, nor the firm mouth move. How could they? El Capitain was only a picture—a picture of General George Washington. Under the picture, in letters which of course the boy could not read, were printed the English words:

MOUNT VERNON COOKIE ASSORTMENT

When the American soldiers passed through North Africa, Akhib, like all his people, had quickly learned to trade. He discovered that for a cup of goat's milk, these white-faced foreigners would give him cookies. An egg would bring him a candy bar or a handful of precious sugar lumps.

One day, when no more eggs remained in the egg-basket, Akhib quietly slipped one from beneath his mother's setting-hen. He took it to a jolly-looking soldier called Barney.

"Is it fresh?" the soldier demanded. Akhib shook his head vigorously up and down. After he got his candy bar, he skipped off across the desert, his bare feet gleaming in the sun.

Next day he approached Barney with another egg from the setting-hen's nest.

"Hey, you," boomed the soldier, "I thought you said that egg was fresh!"

Akhib wanted to run away. But Barney marched him into a tidy Army tent instead. He showed the boy a box with a beautiful colored picture on its lid.

"Know that man?" the soldier demanded.

Akhib nodded. "El Capitain?" he guessed.

"You're right, boy. A general if there ever was one! Here's what made him great: No matter what happened, El Capitain never told a lie. Take his picture home so he can always remind YOU to tell the truth."

Every time Akhib looked at the picture after that, he felt ashamed for giving the soldier a spoiled egg. And now El Capitain had made him uncomfortable again. Once more he had told a lie.

In due time five chicks hatched from five precious eggs. The sixth was not to be found,

"Do you know where the other egg has gone?" the boy's mother asked. He shifted from one bare foot to another.

"No," he said at last, "Akhib does not know."

The boy looked up. From the tent-pole El Capitain stared down at him very sternly. Akhib tried to escape that accusing stare. But it followed him even when he pulled his sleeping mat over his head.

At last, in desperation, the boy stood up and saluted the stern-faced picture.

"Very well, El Capitain. For just one day Akhib will try your truth-telling. But it will only mean the switch for me. You will see."

Before he could change his mind once more, Akhib ran straight to his mother. She was patiently grinding barley into meal. She looked up in surprise. The boy braced himself and said:

"Akhib is not like El Capitain. Akhib is afraid to tell the truth. Akhib took the egg from the nest to get sweets from the soldier. Then all the time El Capitain frown. Akhib is not happy anymore."

The boy looked at his mother's face. She did not look at him. She only said:

"Fetch yonder stout branch from the woodpile."

Akhib trembled. So this was what came of truth-telling. As he thought. A switching!

"Now break it up," said his mother, "and set the fire so I may cook your supper."

Akhib gulped. "But, Mother. The stolen egg!" His mother looked up now.

"I knew you took the egg, my son. It was your lie that hurt. Rather I should have the eggs hatch out one truthful son than all the chicks in the world."

Once more Akhib bowed low to General Washington.

"Salheedal, you are right, El Capitain. To speak the truth is best. I will not lie again."

THE END



LIKE WHODONITS?? READ YOUNG KING COLE!



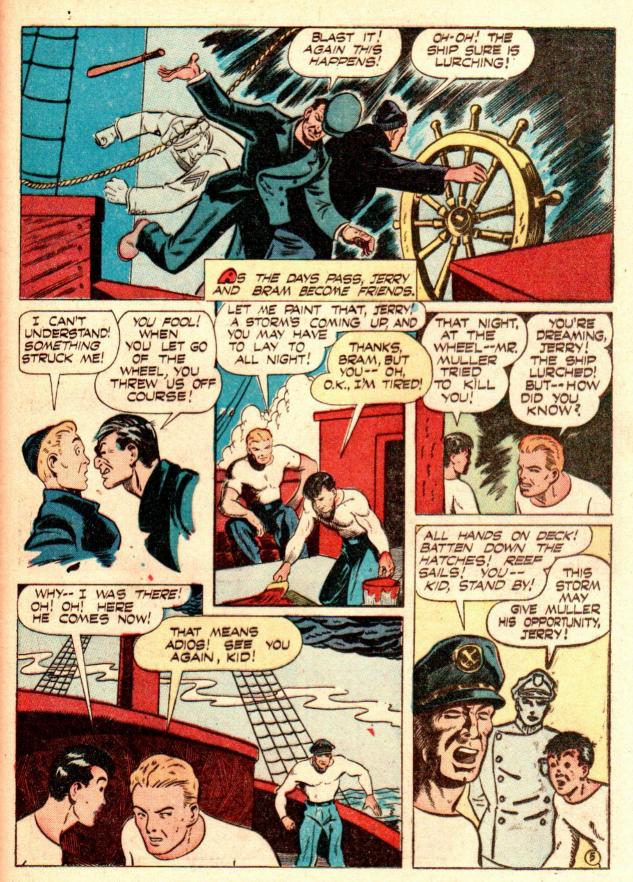
QUESTION Give three synonyms for "wharf".



Jetty, pier, dock are three synonyms for wharf. "11 ou Jetty,



QUESTION Aboard ship, how long is a "watch"?



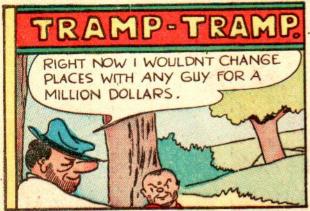
A watch is usually four hours long. 371.38



QUESTION Is a gale a hurricane?

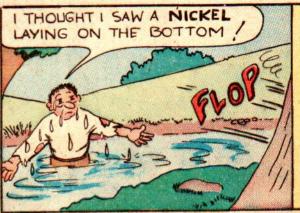
No, a gale is a strong wind between a stiff breeze and a hurricane. Samsu W



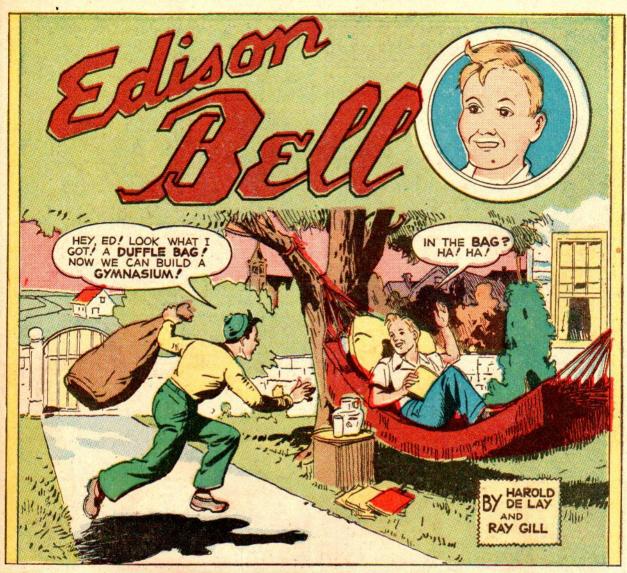












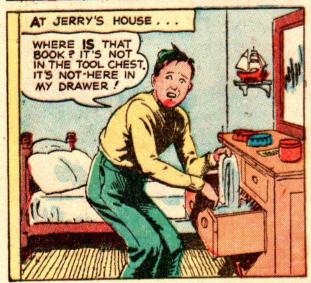




FOR THRILLING ADVENTURE READ YOUNG KING COLE!

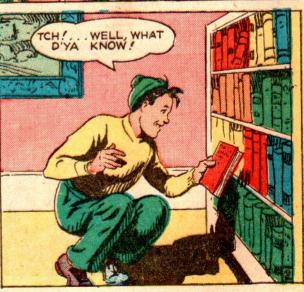








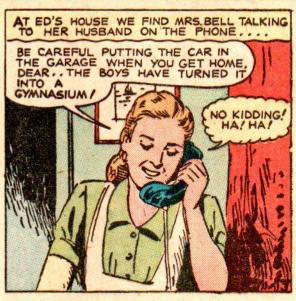




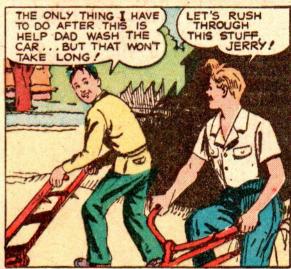
QUESTION Who was Santa Claus?

## St. Micholas, bishop of Myra, who gave presents on Christmas Eve. 31. Wicholas, bishop of Myra, who

















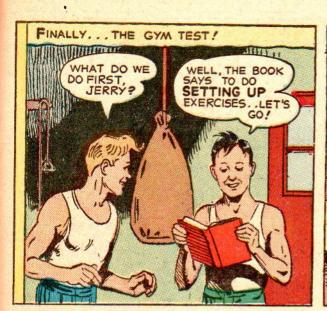








QUESTION Is the earth the largest planet?













No. Jupiter is the largest known planet -- Earth is fifth largest. 127 WW.

Edison Bell's

# GARAGE GYMNASIUM

THE IS A DOUBLE
BARRELLED PROJECT!
THE FUN OF BUILDING
YOUR OWN GYMNASIUM—
PLUS THE UNTOLD BENEFITS
TO BE DERIVED FROM BODY—
BUILDING HEALTHY EXERCISE!

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE
MANY PIECES OF APPARATUS
YOU CAN MAKE
YOURSELF!

SAND FILLED PUNCHING BAG

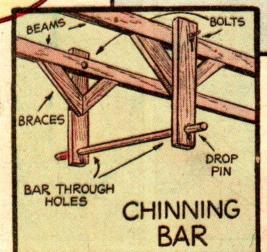


OUT OF OLD PAIR OF GLOVES FOR PUNCHING.

FILL A CANVAS BAG WITH SAND (A DUFFLE BAG OR A SEA BAG) AND SUSPEND FROM CEILING BEAM WITH STRONG ROPE OR CHAIN, NOT IN PATH OF DAD'S CAR, HOWEVER-BUT TO ONE SIDE!



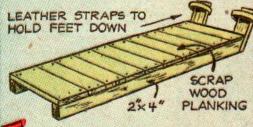
THE CHINNING BAR, AT RIGHT, IS MADE OF A PIECE OF PIPE OR A STOUT POLE OF SEASONED HARDWOOD. FASTEN BAR TO GARAGE CEILING BEAMS AS SHOWN. BARS SHOULD BE AT FINGERTIP HEIGHT. DO NOT SWING ON BAR — IT IS FOR CHINNING ONLY!





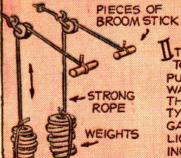
SKIPPING ROPE AND
BUILD YOUR LEG
MUSCLES LIKE THE
BOXERS DO!

### SIT-UP PLATFORM

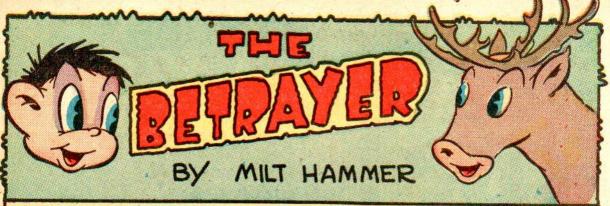


O USE THIS PLATFORM, LIE ON BACK, HANDS UNDER HEAD, AND INSERT TOES IN STRAPS. NOW SIT UP. . . SLOWLY. A FEW TIMES AT FIRST, THEN MORE EACH DAY.

### WALL WEIGHT MACHINE



T IS IMPORTANT
TO USE STURDY
PULLEYS, BOLTED TO
WALL UPRIGHTS, IN
THE MAKING OF THIS
TYPICAL GYMNASIUM
GADGET. START WITH
LIGHT WEIGHTS, AND
INCREASE, BIT BY BIT.



"HEY, dad, you should have seen it!" Tommy Dolan shouted as he rushed into his father's farmhouse.

"What's all the excitement about, and what did you see?" asked his father, looking up from his newspaper.

"A deer, that's what! And the biggest one I bet that ever came out of the woods."

"Well, what's so strange about a deer in this part of the United States, Tom?"

"But, dad, this deer was tame. He walked right up to me — well, almost, he was about fifty feet away from me."

"Now don't you tease him," said the older man, "or he may harm you."

"Oh, I'm not going to tease him. I want to make friends with him so that he'll visit me daily. Maybe I can make a pet of him."

Mr. Dolan knew that Tommy had always been interested in the animals of the woods surrounding the house. Tom fed them and the animals would come back time and again for the tasty morsels offered. Mr. Dolan knew that his son liked his woodland friends better than Ned Fuller, a boy of his own age, who lived five miles down the road. Ned did not appreciate the animals as Tom did, and at times threw stones at them, scaring the timid animals away.

One evening, a week later, Tom came home later than usual. He told his father in an excited voice, "Dad, the deer has come back! He came to the pond for a drink and didn't run when I walked close

to him. I've named him Brownie."

"That's great, son. Perhaps he'll be a steady pal of yours."

However, the father knew that with the approach of the hunting season, the deer would disappear into the woods if he didn't wish to become a decoration for some hunter's wall,

The next afternoon, when Tom entered his living room, his father introduced him to Scoops Johnson, who was a photographer that had been sent to that vicinity to obtain pictures of the interesting forest life around Tom's home. Scoops asked Tom if he would guide him through the dense woodland and acquaint him with the points of interest so that he might take some shots of them.

"Scoops thinks a picture of Brownie and you, feeding him, would make a swell picture for his newspaper's Hunting Page."

That night Tom had a strange nightmare in which Scoops turned out to be a hunter with concealed guns in his camera! Naturally, the following morning, Tom was very much relieved upon awakening; however, this started him to question the intentions of Scoops. What if he were a hunter posing as a photographer?

Nevertheless, Tom guided the photographer through the woods. He also posed with Brownie. Brownie was reluctant at first when he saw the stranger, but after Scoops offered him sweets, Brownie became friendly and followed the two around like a pet dog.

After saying good-bye to
Scoops, Tom returned home.

"What's the trouble, Tom? Weren't you proud of the way Brownie acted? He wasn't camera-shy, was he?" asked his father.

"No, it wasn't anything that Brownie did, but just the way Scoops looked at him when he took his picture. Scoops said he had always wanted to go deer hunting. Gee, if only Brownie hadn't shown up today things might have been better—Scoops wouldn't have seen how friendly Brownie was."

"Scoops met Mr. Fuller and Ned down the road, and they've made plans to go hunting together — I'm afraid they might kill poor Brownie!"

The next day Tom's treatment of Brownie was altogether different than usual. The animal was bewildered at Tom's shooting above his head, chasing him beyond the ridge of the forest by hurling stones at him.

"How could my friend do this to me?" thought Brownie as he disappeared from sight.

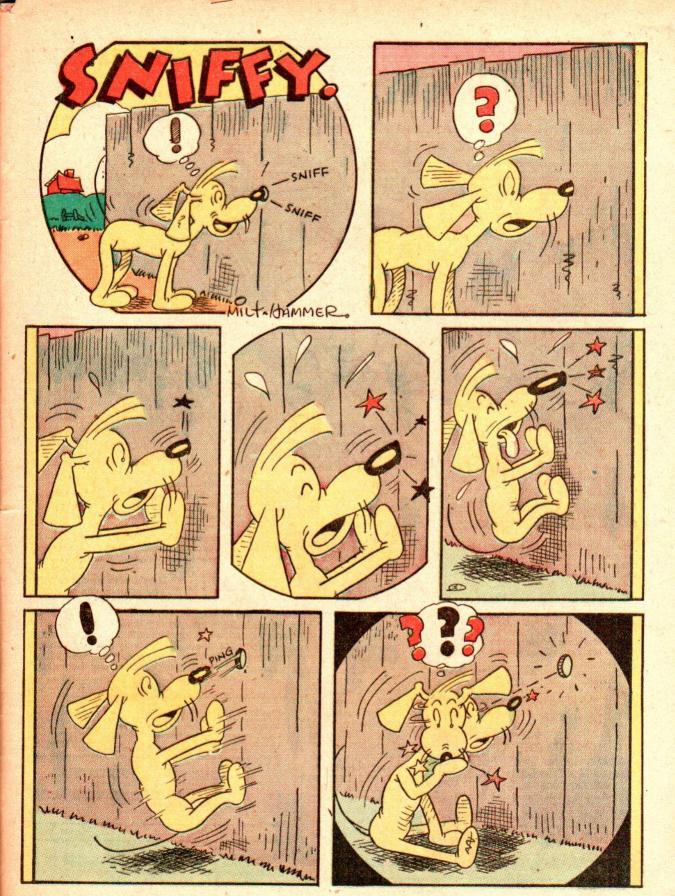
Later Tom came home broken hearted to think that he had done this to Brownie.

He explained what he had done to the young deer, and his father was astonished, but Tom continued, "I know now that Brownie will never come back to visit me, and I hope he'll never trust another human being again! Folks like the Fullers and Scoops may shoot him if he trusted people like them too much. I had to betray him to save him. He'll always be my Brownie."



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Then examine, wear. Compare with any orna-ment it's possible to obtain, and after 10 full days, if you can bear to part with these lovely creations, simply return them for your money back. Isn't that a fair, gener-ous offer? Then don't wait. Mail coupon now.

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(Indicate above How Many of Each You Desire) NOTE: You may select any Flower shown, or any assortment. Be suit to mark quantity.
☐ 1 Glowing Flower—\$1.00 ☐ 3 at one time—\$2.50 ☐ 2 at one time—\$5.00 ☐ 7 at one time—\$5.00 ☐ (There is no tax on Glowing Flowers)
FREE with any order I Glow In The Dark Single Tea Rose, for promit action. Upon delivery I will pay postman the proper amount plus a fecents postage and C. O. D. charges.
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